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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-288549, which was published on November 2, 1993, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 6-42927, which was published on February 18, 1994, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the instant application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-35820, which was published on February 6, 1996, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application; and

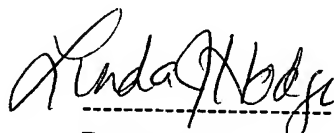
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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-113266, which was published on May 2, 1997, together with an English language translation of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translation. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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